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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to correctional services; to amend section
2 83-181, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to define a
3 term; to provide for copayments for health care services
4 as prescribed; and to repeal the original section.
5 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 83-181, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 83-181. (1) For purposes of this section, indigent means
4 any person committed to the department who has not had an
5 institutional job assignment for thirty days or more or who has not
6 had a balance of ten dollars or more in his or her trust account
7 during the past thirty days.

8 (2) Each person committed to the Department of
9 Correctional Services department shall have regular medical and
10 dental care. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
11 department shall collect copayments for routine health care
12 services from any person committed to the department receiving such
13 services unless the department determines the person to be
14 indigent. The director shall adopt and promulgate rules and
15 regulations governing the amount of the copayment and the specific
16 services for which the copayment applies. Copayments shall be
17 charged at the time of delivery of the health care service. Each
18 person shall have access to the standard care provided by the
19 department regardless of the person's ability to contribute to the
20 cost of the services received. All amounts collected as copayments
21 shall be remitted to the State Treasurer for credit to the General
22 Fund. Any person who disputes any decision rendered pursuant to
23 this subsection shall utilize the department's grievance procedure
24 to resolve the dispute.

25 (3) Each person committed to the department shall be
26 adequately fed and clothed in accordance with the regulations of
27 the Department of Correctional Services department. No offender
28 person shall be required to wear stripes or other degrading

1 apparel.

2 Sec. 2. Original section 83-181, Reissue Revised

3 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.